

# Paint Company Maintains High Production in 1954

Production of paints and finishes at the Torrance plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's paint and brush division during 1954 were near the levels achieved during 1953, according to Herschel E. Post, general manager of the local company.

As a supplier not only to the building market, but also to major industries, the Torrance plant's output paralleled general business activity. This saw a decline during the early months of 1954, as compared with the previous years.

However, each succeeding quarter saw a rise in usefulness and during the last quarter paint operations were at or near capacity.

Post pointed out that 1954 was a significant one for "Pittsburgh's" paint and brush division from a research standpoint. "During 1954," he stated, "our division completed one of the most modern research cen-

ters in the nation at Springdale, Penn."

**Inspect New Center**  
Last month Post, in company with directors of other "Pittsburgh" paint plants, spent several days inspecting the new Research Center.

"What this means to us here on the Pacific Coast," Post said, "is that we can be assured that 'Pittsburgh,' through constant research, will continue to pro-

vide the very finest in paints and finishes."

He pointed out that a special feature of the Research Center was complete facilities for cooperative development work carried out with customer companies.

"Through these facilities," he stated, "any West Coast industrial or other customer having a particular paint or coating problem can look to 'Pittsburgh' for special help to solve it."

## New Techniques

In this new research center, as well as in the development laboratories of Torrance and other plants, research staffs work with new chemicals, new tools, and new techniques to solve the need of industry for the perfect coating, and going a step beyond, "Pittsburgh" helps develop the best methods for applying new paints and coatings.

"Pittsburgh's" paint plant here at Torrance, was opened in 1951. It is located on a triangular, 15-acre site, fronting on Crenshaw Blvd.

The plant consists of a large production building, warehouse, office building, and an outdoor tank farm. It has a total of 157,000 square feet of floor space, loading docks, and covered walkways. An additional 93,000 square feet of roadways and parking lots comprise the improved acreage. All plant buildings were de-

signed by Albert C. Martin and Associates, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh Paint Division engineers. They are architecturally attractive, fitting in with local style, and practical with their construction embodying the latest in paint manufacturing techniques.

## Designed for Efficiency

Essentially a one-story, earthquake resisting structure, the main production building has a second-level center section designed for efficient loading of ball and pebble mills. Mixing of pigments for roller mills and raw material screening into filling hoppers is also done on this level.

The factory building is of reinforced concrete construction. It has broad, continuous windows made of glass block and Pennvernon window glass for improved daylight conditions. The office building, featuring the same window design, is of brick construction.

All areas in which paint is thinned, tinted or processed have northern exposure. Storage space faces the south. Positioning of processing areas to the north takes advantage of the constant, visual qualities of the neutral, north light and minimizes entrance of solar heat into the manufacturing areas.

## Modern Facilities

Production equipment includes units for the preparation of various raw materials used in paint making. The Torrance plant has a lacquer producing unit and a gas-fired resin manufacturing process. It also has complete laboratory facilities for production control, essential to high quality paint production and for product development.

The plant has a lunchroom for employees and is equipped with modern locker and wash

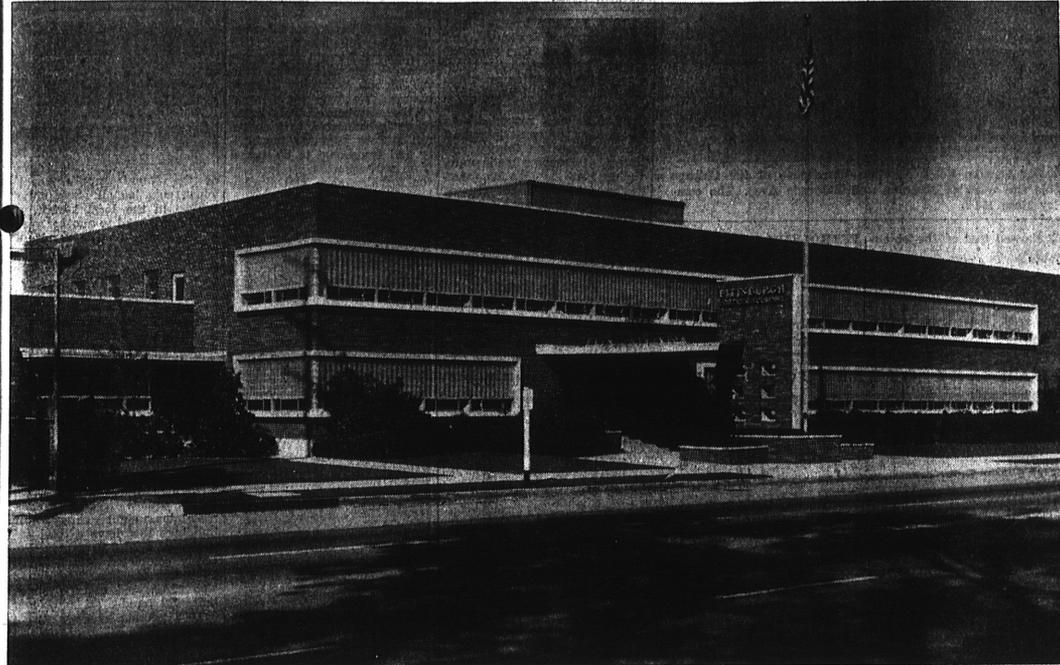
# Gas Service Men Receive Safety Award

Two-and-a-half years without a lost-time accident, encompassing a total of 103,313 consecutive man hours, have earned recognition for customer ser-

vice men of the Southern California Gas Co. serving the area. Recognition of this outstanding achievement in accident prevention was given to servicemen in the form of a safety plaque presented by Company Safety Engineer E. E. Taylor at special ceremonies recently at the Palms Restaurant.

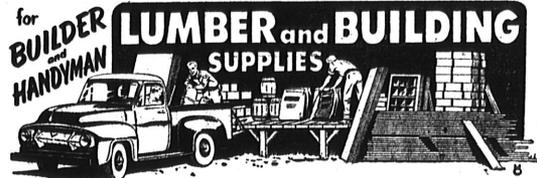
The 31 servicemen in the group serve the area from the utility's 182nd St. base under the direction of District Services Supervisor G. Henry Miller, who accepted the award for the group.

In making the presentation, Taylor paid high praise to Miller and the servicemen, and pointed out the importance of their safety consciousness to the people of this area.



MODERN TORRANCE PLANT . . . Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's modern Torrance plant is seen by thousands daily who pass it on busy Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance. The one-story, earthquake resisting structure houses the

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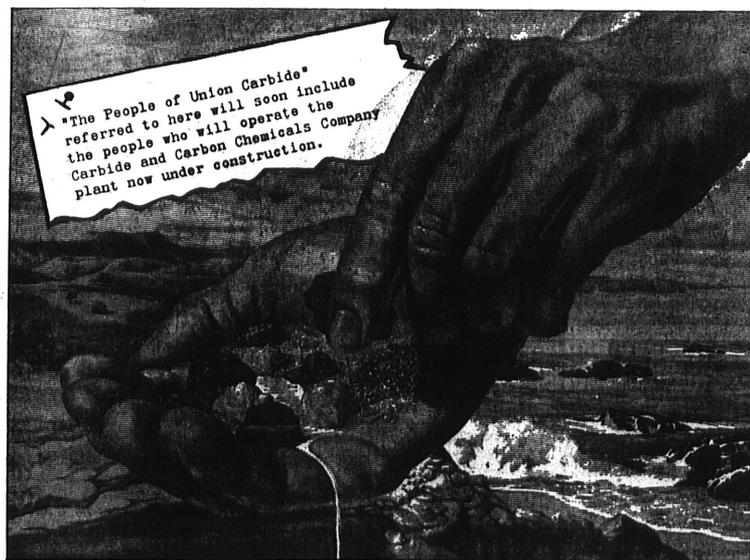
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